

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the allowance of claims 1-4.

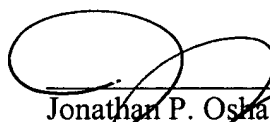
Claims 7-9 were rejected as being unpatentable over prior art. Claims 7-9 have been canceled above without prejudice or disclaimer, rendering the rejections moot.

In view of the above, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A favorable election in the form of a Notice of Allowance is solicited. Should any issues remain, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the number below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 04995/045001).

Respectfully submitted,

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